Stay Orders against fixation of prices

3794. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) what are the names of drugs and finished medicines against which drug companies obtained stay orders against fixation of fair prices by Government under DPCO, 1979 and 1987;

(b) when was each stay granted and what was the price fixed of each which was challenged;

(c) when was judgement in each case delivered and when was each stay order vacated;

(d) when was fixed price implemented in each case;

(e) whether Government have assessed the unintended benefit made by each company during the stay order period; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) (a) to (c) The information called for has already been given in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2255 answered on 12th March, 1992 by this Ministry.

(d) The price was implemented by the companies either after judgment of the Courts or after the withdrawal of the respective writ Petitions.

(e) and (f) The amount of unintended benefits made by each company, computed tentatively with details has already been given in reply to Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 234 answered on 12th March, 1992 by this Ministry.

Excluding drugs from price control

3795. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to exclude drugs like Metronidazole, Tinadozole, Diloxanide, Mebendazole from the purview price control when they are meant for mass consumption for the treatment of Amoebiasis and Helminthiasis, which are rampant in the country; and

(b) if so, what criteria have been followed for such control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) The entire drug policy alongwith Drugs Price Control Order, 1987 is still under review of the Government.

Imports of bulk drugs intermediates and finished medicines

3796. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3081 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th December, 1991 and state;

(a) whether it is a fact that instances of import of bulk drugs, inter mediates and finished medicines being made at widely different prices have been brought to the notice of Govt. from various quarters during the past three years;

(b) if so, what are the names and what are the differences in prices that were brought to the notice of Government;

(c) whether it is a fact that specific facts and instances were not brought to the notice of Directorate of Revenue Intelligence and they were merely sent the names;

(d) whether it is also a fact that such supressions are also a part of grant plan to weaken the country; and

(e) what steps have been taken to provide them full facts and details in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): *(a) to (d)* To the extent information is available, all the cases brought to the notice of Government regarding overinvoicing of import of drugs/drug intermediates were referred to Directorate of Revenue Intelligence along with the copy of the complaints/VIP letters. Directorate of Revenue Intelligence has intimated that there is no evidence of overinvoicing in the cases referred to them and they have desired that in future unless specific evidence indicating overinvoicing is available, no further enquiries will be made by them.

(a) Details are being collected from the concerned companies and will be supplied to Directorate of Revenue Intelligence.

विभिन्न क्षेत्रों का निजीकरण

3797. **मौलाना अबैदुल्ला खान आज़मी:** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में निजीकरण शुरू करने का कोई प्रस्ताव उनके मंत्रालय के विचाराधीन है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिन्ता मोहन) : (क) और (ख) रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय के अंतर्गत सरकारी उपक्रमों का निजीकरण शुरू करने का फिलहाल कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है। कुछ चुने हुए उद्यमों में सरकार के शेयरों के केवल एक भाग का विनिवेश किया गया है।

Government Officers on the pay rolls of drug companies

3798. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government ave received any complaints against some officers of his Ministry who are on the pay rolls of drug companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken on each;

(c) whether it is a fact that cases of such drug companies for overcharging of prices are not pursued and investigated;

(d) what are the names of drug companies whose cases of overcharging of prices are pending for final decision since last more than two years;

(e) what are the details of products/drugs involved in each case and when complaint against each was received;

(f) whether it is also a fact that files of concerned companies are deliberately delayed and facts are distorted so that no action is taken against them; and

(g) what steps have been taken to investigate the whole matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Ministry is not aware of any of its officers being on the pay rolls of any drug company.

(c) to (g) The details to the extent available of cases of overcharging of prices of bulk drugs and formulations which came to the notice of the Government after promulgation of DPCO, 1987 upto 15th February, 1992 were given in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Questions No. 418 answered on 27th February, 1992. As and when any complaint of overcharging is received the same is looked in with the help of the State Drug Control Administration wherever required. The examination of complaints received against the drug companies regarding overcharging is an on going process. Some companies are yet to submit complete details to the Government. The ten tative liabilities against the companies which have already submitted the required details, have been worked out.

Import of edible oil

@3799. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of imports of edible oil during the year 1991-92;

(b) whether it is fact that import of oil seeds is cheaper than import of edible oils;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to import oil seeds instead of edible oils; and

(d) whether Government propose to allow the import of oil seeds against exim scrips?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDINAHMED (a) Government has decided to import 3 lakh MTs of edible oil during the end of this financial year out of which 80,000 MTs by the State Governments directly' STC has so far imported 1.07 lakh MTs of RBD Palmolein valued at Rs. 103.51 crores CIF approximately.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (*d*) Do not arise.

Public Distribution Programme in Drought Prone Areas

@@3800. SHRI PRABHAKAR B. KORE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to implement the Public Distribution Programme fully in drought prone areas;

(b) by when the desired results are likely to be achieved; and

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@Previously Unstaraed Question 1819 trnasferred from the 10th March, 1992.

@@Previouly Unstarred Question 2498 transferred from the13th March 1992.